# **BRYMBO**



# CYNGOR CYMUNED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

# **Bethan M Hughes Clerk and Financial Officer**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRYMBO COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 AT BRYMBO ENTERPRISE CENTRE.

Present – Councillor T Birch Chairman

Brymbo Ward Councillors M Liberatoscioli, K Monti, L Prince, P Rogers, S

Rawlinson and M Shone.

Tanyfron Ward Councillor D Griffiths

Bwlchgwyn Ward Councillors M Jones and B Woodfine-Jones

Apologies CBC D Kelly, Councillors D Davies, M Reston, S Tilston,

Police PCSO Simister

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman read out an e-mail that the Clerk had received from Cllr Tilston. Cllr Tilston said that the roadside remembrance service in Bwlchgwyn was growing in popularity year on year. He said that as a community activity the residents had pulled it back from the brink, as 24 years ago Cllr Tilston represented the CC at the remembrance service, which had been attended by 6 people; however Sunday's service was attended by approx. 50 people. He said that this was brilliant example of how the CC had listened and acted upon localised feedback and facilitated the anticipated changes. He said that this was something the CC should be rightly pleased about. He thanked everyone for their support.

### 2. POLICING

Crime	Incidents
Common Assault	1 (Youth related 1 person charge)
Theft from vehicle	1 (wheels taken from vehicle)

# **Crime Stats – Brymbo**

Crime	Incidents
ASB Personal	1(Neighbour dispute over parking)
Arson	1 (Hedge of property set on fire on going)
Harassment	1 (Domestic related on-going)

Hate Related	1 (1 person charged)
Assault Police	1 (1 person charged)
Wounding	1 (1 person arrested on going)
BOTD	2 (Steelworks and new build Queens Road – items taken)
Theft Other	1 (Steelworks site – fuel taken on going)
Theft	1 (Domestic related)
Theft from vehicle	1 (Steelworks site – batteries taken from vehicle)
Criminal Damage	2 (1 - Domestic related, 1 – vehicle windscreen damage whilst travelling through Vicarage Road)
Drugs Offences	2 (1 - possession, 1 - on going)

# **Crime Stats – Tanyfron**

Crime	Incidents
ASB Nuisance	1 (Noisy youths in street)
Assault S.47	3 (All domestic related, 2 person charged, 1 on going)
Common Assault	3 (2 Domestic related - complaint withdrawn, 1 charge, 1 unknown offender)

PCSO Simster reported on the amount of accidents that had occurred on the link road in the last 2 years. There had been 2 collisions and 9 instances of vehicles hitting something. The police were willing to support an application to reduce the speed limit to 40m.p.h. Cllr Rogers said that WCBC were willing to carry out a consultation with regards to reducing the speed limit. Cllr Birch said that a roundabout was needed on Park Road in order to slow down traffic. Cllr Shone said that the problem with a roundabout was that it would be difficult to enforce orders. Cllr Rogers said that a lot of discussion would be needed and a few issues needed looking at as a whole in the village. Cllr Liberatosciol asked whether the 40m.p.h. limit on Phoenix Road was a mistake as this seemed ridiculous. Cllr Rogers said he would check this and report back to her.

## 3. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Rogers said that he had attended a site liaison meeting the previous evening. Good progress was being made on the link road. There was one problem in that the placing of the sewer at the bottom of the hill was not going to be as straightforward as first thought. The road, as a result was going to be closed for approx. 3 weeks at Mount Hill, Station Road and New Road. An order had been applied for. Cllr Shone asked if an order could be made to close the road for the specified amount of time. Cllr Monti said that he was sure WCBC would have gone through the correct legislation when applying for the road closure. Cllr Rogers said that every bus route would be affected including school buses. He said the bus services would be maintained as the Borough Council was in consultation with the bus operators. Cllr Shone asked if consideration had been made for emergency services. Cllr Rogers said that a diversion had been agreed and this would be through Southsea and

Talwrn. Cllr Rogers said that this closure was a worry for elderly residents, and Cllr Shone agreed it would be mayhem especially at that time of year. Cllr Rogers said that the proposed new school site had been rejected and a new site was being looked at. Tanyfron School was to remain open as a result. Cllr Rogers said that WCBC and WREN were due to exchange contracts in the new year with regard to the Skate Park in Brymbo.

## 4. CAMBRIAN HOUSE

The Clerk said she had contacted Bowen Son and Watson to remove the under offer notice that was on Cambrian House. This had been done. As a result, the previous week 4 enquiries had been made with one leading to a viewing that week. The agents had asked for a set of keys and would keep these for viewing purposes. The Clerk had also been contacted by an interested party asking if the premises were fit for business use. Cllr Shone said that planning was for office and light industrial use. Cllr Birch said that the sale of Cambrian House seemed to be dragging its heels. Cllr Rogers said that if it had not sold by the end of the year the CC should look at using new agents. Cllr Jones proposed that if the building was not sold by the end of December, new agents would be sought and a decision should be made in the January meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Monti. All were in favour.

## 5. ROADS

Cllr Rogers said that the situation on Queens Road could no longer continue. The road had collapsed approx.6 years previously and was closed. A decision was to be made on a way forward in December by members of WCBC Executive Board. There were a few options that would be looked at: one being that the road could be permanently closed, and another, to re-instate the road. Cllr Rogers said that the prospects were not looking good for keeping the road open. Cllr Shone said that as the embankment had been removed the road support system had disappeared, resulting in the current situation. Cllr Rogers said that WCBC had carried out technical surveys and had received legal advice on the matter. Cllr Rogers said as the local Councillor he would have to support the option of a two-way traffic system being re-installed.

Cllr Rogers said that Offa Street was being re-surfaced the next week and this would result in a 3 day road closure.

### 6. BUS SHELTER SERVICES AND STOPS

No further information.

## 7. PLAYING FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS

No further information.

# 8. FOOTPATHS/LIGHTING

Cllr Woodfine-Jones said that he had read in the previous month's minutes that there had been complaints regarding the reporting of faulty lights in Bwlchgwyn. He said he had not received any reports even though his telephone number as lighting rep. was on the Bwlchgwyn newsletter. He said he was at a loss to explain why this had been reported at the previous meeting when he had received no reports from residents.

## 9. WAR MEMORIAL/CHURCHYARDS

Councillors said that the work carried out on the War Memorial in Brymbo was not of a good standard. The invoice had been given to the Clerk, however members said that it should not be paid until members had contacted the company who had carried out the work and arranged to meet them. Cllr Birch said he was disgusted with the condition of the War Memorial as it looked horrendous. Cllr Monti said he would get back to the contractors to advise them of members feelings. Members agreed that Cllr Rogers and Cllr Rawlinson would (with Cllr Monti) arrange to meet the contractors to go through the work quoted and the work that had been carried out.

#### 10. PLANNING

SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO KITCHEN AND FRONT PORCH AND WC

2 FFYNNON Y CEIRW BRYMBO ROAD BWLCHGWYN P/2014/0760- No observations

OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIOAL DEVELOPMENT (WITH ALL MATTERS RESERVED FOR FUTURE APPROVAL APART FROM ACCESS) LAND ADJACENT TO AND EAST OF CYNEFIN WESLEY ROAD BWLCHGWYN P/2014/0768-No observations

#### 11. BRYMBO.ORG WEBSITE

The Clerk said that a grant was available through WCBC for £500.00 towards the cost of upgrading the website. The grant was only available until March 2015 therefore the CC would need to make a decision as to a new website to ensure receipt of these funds. She had contacted Tidywebsites who had provided a quote for the work; the one-off fee was £350.00 with a hosting fee of £72.00 per annum. The Clerk had checked the previous receipt for the websites provided in 2012 and this was for £250.00 and a hosting fee of £180.00. The Clerk had also printed a quote from suppliers of the same service who had worked with CC's requesting this grant and these fees were £500.00 for the complete package. Members said they would prefer to have a local website provider who offered training. Cllr Jones proposed that the CC accept the quote of Tidywebsites. This was seconded by Cllr Griffiths. All were in favour.

## 12. BRONWENS GREEN

Cllr Birch read out the minutes of the sub-committee that had met as a result of the last meeting. The minutes read as follows:

'The first part of the meeting was to review a suggestion made for the relocation of the current pedestrian entrance to Bronwens Green.

It was decided from looking at the area proposed and an aerial photograph that the proposal to re-site the current pedestrian entrance was unnecessary due to historic reasons in relation to the Brymbo Community and to move the entrance and footpath would serve no purpose at all. Councillor Birch added that if there had been a larger community opposite Bronwens Green, he would have understood such a suggestion but could not see any benefit in moving the current footpath.

After further discussions, it was unanimously decided to recommend the installation of vehicle proof pedestrian gates at both ends of the current footpath and then approaches be made to Wrexham Council for public footpath status.

The meeting then moved to look at the trees bordering Community land and land owned by Mrs Ashworth as to their safety and responsibility.

At this stage, Councillors Reston and Councillor Monti took no part in the discussions. Councillors Birch and Rogers inspected the trees in question but as they were uncertain as to the ownership Councillor Birch would ascertain this from one of the tree officers at Wrexham Council. Mrs Ashworth expressed that she did not want the trees to be totally cut down, but just to be made safer in terms of height and side growth. Mrs Ashworth made an alternative suggestion to Councillors, subject to ownership. Councillor Birch advised that he would first clarify ownership and then discussions could be made if this requires following up. Cllr Birch advised members that he was to meet with Council Officers to clarify The CC's position.

Cllr Shone told members that there was a lease between BCC and Brymbo Developments for the land at Bronwens Green and therefore the boundaries needed to be identified first. He said he had a copy of the lease and he would check that. The Clerk said she would contact the solicitor for clarification as to who owned the trees.

## 13. BRYMBO VACANCY

The Clerk said that there had been no request to hold an election for the vacancy in the Brymbo Ward. Members could now co-opt for this vacancy. The Clerk gave out co-option notices to be placed in the noticeboards of the three Wards from 12<sup>th</sup> November to the 5<sup>th</sup> December (14days).

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE

WCBC-MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PLAY AREAS
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 SCHEDULE 14 APPEAL BY MR
WILLIAMS BRYMBO 12
TREES IN WALES TOWNS AND CITIES
IN FOCUS
ALED ROBERTS AM NOTICE OF SURGERIES
TRUNK ROAD CONSULTATION

# 15. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

2737 WCBC CAMBRIAN HOUSE RATES	182.00
2738 WCBC CAMBRIAN HOUSE RATES	710.00
2739 JONES LIGHTING MAINTENANCE	1137.46
2740 CORONA ENERGY CAMBRIAN HOUSE	39.52
2741 TONY CROFTS BWLCHGWYN WAR MEMORIAL	125.00
2742 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	34.99
2743 SLCC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	116.00
2744 B M HUGHES REFUND OF POSTAGES	12.40
2745 NIGEL GRIFFITHS MAINT. BRONWENS GREEN	192.00
2746 SHELTER CYMRU DONATION	100.00

2747 SOUTHSEA CHURCH GRANT	300.00
2748 SCOTTISH POWER	1058.81
2749 B M HUGHES SALARY	480.44

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.	
Signed	Chairman